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Mackerel Notes.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Gladiator was at Canso, N. S., on Tuesday.

Sch. Parthia was at St. Pierre, Miq., recently.

Sch. Margie Smith, Capt. Nathaniel Smith, has sailed on a salt herring trip to Provincetown and vicinity.

Sch. David Sherman has fitted for a salt herring trip to Cape Cod.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, weakfishing, was at Newport, R. I., yesterday.

Capt. Charles Rudolph is fitting sch. Arcadia for a Newfoundland herring trip.

The gasoline auxiliary sch. Saladin is fitting for a Newfoundland herring trip under command of Capt. George Peeples.

Sch. Ingomar is being fitted for a Newfoundland herring trip under command of Capt. Wallace Parsons.

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FREEZER AT NORTH SYDNEY.

Gloucester Capital Interested in Structure Now Building.

The Sydney C. B., Post of Wednesday, printed the following dispatch from North Sydney:

"At last some of our enterprising citizens have awakened to the importance of a bait freezer being erected at North Sydney. Today construction work on the building was begun, the promoters securing a lease for twelve years of part of Salter's lumber wharf. No better location could be found and it will be in close proximity to the anchorage of the Gloucester and other fishermen coming here. The freezer will have a capacity of one hundred tons and will cost in the vicinity of \$7000.

"Gloucester fishing firms have taken stock in the new concern, which realizing the importance of the building being erected at once has employed a large force of men who are pushing the work along rapidly. It is the intention of the promoters of the industry to have it completed and stocked with Newfoundland bait this fall.

"What the erection of a bait freezer in North Sydney means not only to the large fleet of fishermen who yearly come to this port for shelter, supplies, ice, bait, etc., can only be appreciated by those who have an idea of the vast sums of money spent by the fishermen who find it impossible to secure bait here."

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$5.00 for large \$3.37 1-2 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.50.

Salt haddock, \$1.75.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt "drift" cusk, \$2.00

Salt pollock, \$1.50.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.50 for large, \$2.02 1-2 for medium.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$4.25 medium do., \$3.25.

Bank halibut, 7 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. per lb. for gray.

Large salt mackerel, \$31 per bbl.

Salt medium mackerel, \$27.50 per bbl.

Salt tinker mackerel, \$15.50 per bbl.

Fresh medium mackerel, 13 1-2 cts. each.

Fresh tinker mackerel, 8 cts. each.

Large fresh mackerel, 20 cts. each.

Round pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.

Shore salt herring, \$2.80 per bbl. clear of the barrel.

Dressed shore pollock, 80 cts. per cwt.

Salt dory handline cod, \$3.90 per cwt. for large; \$2.90 for mediums.

Eastern "halibut" codfish, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for small.

Fresh herring \$2 to \$2.50 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Buema, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Rebecca, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Morning Star, 4000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 45,000 hake, 30,000 cusk, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Alcina, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Matchless, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Stone, 200 haddock, 300 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. John M. Keen, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Genesta, 32,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. William A. Morse, 6000 haddock 16,000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 4000 haddock, 6000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Georgianna, 9000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 8000 haddock, 16,000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$1.75; large cod, \$2.75; to \$3; market cod, \$1.25; large hake, \$1; pollock, \$1.50.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman with 40,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Elector with 100,000 pounds of salt cod were at Louisburg, C. B., Wednesday.

Mackerel News.

The first fall mackerel have made their appearance off Cape Dauphin, C. B., one haul, which was taken to North Sydney, selling at 15 cents per fish, fresh.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Arthur Binney, seining, 4 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Shenandoah, seining, 20 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining.

Sch. Eddie A. Minot, shore, 500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Ralph Russell, Rips, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, Georges, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, Georges, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary E. Siveira, Georges, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Teazer, Georges, 25,000 lbs. salt fish, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish, 23,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, La Have Bank, 40,000 lbs. salt fish, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish, 18,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Jennie Gilbert, shore, 4000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Hattie B. Knowlton, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Lafayette, shore.

Steamer Joppaite, shore, 100 bbls. fresh herring.

Launches, shore, 75 bbls. fresh herring.

Torchers, shore, 40 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.

Sch. Seacommet, seining.

Sch. Almeida, shore.

Sch. Patriot, Rips, 15,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Orinoco, Cape Shore, 135,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Quickstep, Bay of Fundy, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; cusk, \$1.50; hake, \$1.05; pollock, 65 cts.

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NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERY.

St John's Despatch Substantiates Times Article.

Modus Vivendi Negotiation Regarding Fishery.

The following despatch from St. John's, N. F., under date of yesterday will be read with interest:

"Representatives of the American, British and Newfoundland governments are negotiating a modus vivendi regarding the winter herring fishing about to open on the coast of Newfoundland.

"The Americans claim the right to use purse seines, which are forbidden by the laws of Newfoundland because of the destructive effect of these appliances. The British government, it is understood, qualifiedly admits the justice of the colonial protest that the use of purse seines threatens a destruction of the herring schools.

"American Commissioner Alexander suggests a compromise by which the American fishermen would be accorded the privileges heretofore enjoyed by them.

"Should the Newfoundland government be unwilling to concede this point, it is feared that the British government will conclude an agreement with the Americans over the heads of the colonial commissioners."

The tenor of this despatch is in line with what has appeared in the Times on several occasions for the past three months, and shows that the Times is in a position to give its readers news on the Newfoundland herring situation which can be depended upon as being reliable and correct.

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LAST OF THE FLITCHERS.

All of the Far Northern Fishing Fleet Are Now Home.

Sch. Pinta, Capt. James Hayes, arrived late Saturday afternoon from the far northern fishing grounds with the largest flitched halibut fare of the season, 130,000 pounds. Capt. Hayes struck a big spot of fish and had the weather been good in August would have had even a much larger fare.

Sch. Arbutus, Capt. Charles Flygore, arrived home this morning, being the last of the flitchers. She has 90,000 pounds of flitched halibut and 30,000 pounds of salt cod.

This morning, the captains and owners of the vessels of the flitched halibut fleet together with the large users of these fish are having conference regarding the making of a price for the same.

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LUNENBURG, C. B., NEWS.

Gloucester Banker Has Narrow Escape from Being Run Down.

Vessels Report Fair Fishing on Bank but Bait Very Scarce.

Our Lunenburg, C. B., correspondent, under date of Wednesday, writes us that sch. Elector, Capt. Clayton Morrissey, was in port a few hours on the previous day. She had 100,000 pounds of salt cod on board and was in for water and to learn news of bait.

The latter also says that sch. Hattie A. Heckman, Capt. Adolphus Spinney, was there on Sunday, having come from Flemish Cap. She had 100,000 pounds of salt cod on board. During a heavy blow of the week previous the Heckman had some of her sails torn and put in to have them repaired and also for water and provisions.

The Heckman came very near being run into by a French bark, while at anchor on Flemish Cap, the big craft just clearing her. As it was blowing hard and thick at the time, had the vessels come together the accident would have been attended by loss of life. The Heckman carried away her foretopmast on the way in.

Fishing vessels arriving from the banks, all report fair fishing, but no bait. There are no squid on the bank. Squid have struck in Lunenburg harbor during the past two weeks and on good days the boats make good catches.

September 24.

THE END IN SIGHT.

British Officials Say Newfoundland Matter Is Nearly Settled

So Informed the Associated Press on Saturday.

An Associated Press despatch from London on Saturday says:

"With the increasing interest in Canadian affairs there has been a revival in England of the discussion of the negotiations that Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador at Washington, has been carrying on with the American government for the settlement of the various questions in dispute with the United States concerning Canada and Newfoundland.

"As far as the fisheries question with the latter colony is concerned, the points of difference, the foreign office informs the Associated Press, are about to be settled, in fact it is said that the official agreement is so near that one might almost say the question is settled.

"Of the outstanding questions affecting Canada, that of sealing is causing the greatest difficulty, but here again the British ambassador and the state department are making headway. Canada appears to be more favorably disposed toward the American proposal for the entire stopping of pelagic sealing, with compensation to the Canadians affected thereby.

"Sir Mortimer has kept in close touch with the Canadian authorities during the negotiations, the foreign office considering this to have been better than the Canadian suggestion, made early in the year, for the appointment of a Canadian attache to the

British embassy at Washington to advise the ambassador on Canadian affairs. This Great Britain declined to agree to.

"It was considered hardly likely that such an appointment would be acceptable to the United States, as no matter who was the appointed, he probably would have been considered the special advocate of Canada."

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STRANGE BIRD.

Brought into Boston Saturday by Sch. Frances P. Mesquita.

Thought by Crew To Be Some Species of Eagle.

Secured to the boom of sch. Frances P. Mesquita, when she came into T wharf, Boston, yesterday from a two weeks trip to Georges, was one of the strangest looking eagles ever seen in this vicinity. The captain was not sure it was an eagle, but it had every appearance and characteristic of the king of birds and every one who saw it when the vessel was made fast pronounced it an eagle, but of a species they had never before seen.

The skipper and his men told a most interesting story of the capture of the bird. At noon last Wednesday when the vessel was fishing on Georges, about 190 miles from Boston light, Capt. Mesquita, who was alone on deck, saw a strange looking bird alight on the bowsprit. He called the members of the crew who were below at dinner and as they came on deck the bird flew away, but they all obtained a good look at it.

That was the last seen of the eagle until 6.30 o'clock Saturday evening, when the schooner was 60 miles east of Boston light-ship, on her way into port. Then the same bird was seen flying about the vessel. It circled around several times and then alighted on the foremast head. Hugo Savanna, one of the crew, went aloft, grabbed it by the legs and brought it down to the deck. It offered no resistance and appeared to be exhausted from its long flight. It was fed by the men and appeared to be quite tame.

The bird is about 16 inches long from its beak to the tip of its tail, while its great wings spread over four feet. Its head is crested and its claws are very long for the size of the bird. Its breast is pure white, while the wings are dark brown with the edges tipped with white.

It is thought that it may be one of the species known as the European sea eagle which is noted for its strength and extraordinary flight.

Where the bird came from is a mystery to those on board the fishing vessel. The men say that it could not have been secreted on any part of the schooner from the time that it was first seen Wednesday until its reappearance Saturday evening. They believe it was following the vessel all that time.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Pinta, Bacallieu Bank, 130,000 lbs. flitch halibut.

Sch. Arbutus, Bacallieu Bank, 90,000 lbs. flitch halibut, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Maxine Elliott, Banks, 230,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Morning Star, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Marsala, Georges, 30,000 salt cod.

Sch. Norman Fisher, Rips, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Grace Otis, Rips, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Patrician, seining.

Sch. Talisman, seining, 87 bbls. salt mackerel.

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Boston.

Sch. Theresa and Alice, 140,000 haddock 5000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 30,000 haddock, 60,000 cod.

Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 65,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Sylph, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Sea Fox, 6000 haddock, 33,000 cod.

Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 20,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Harmony, 4000 haddock, 40,000 cod.

Sch. Edward A. Rich, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 22,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2 swordfish.

Sch. Marshal L. Adams, 45,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Mettacommet, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Louisa Polleys, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Appomattox, 28,000 cod.

Sch. James R. Clark, 22,000 cod.

Sch. Galatea, 19,000 cod.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. James and Esther, 15,000 cod, 7 swordfish.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 14,000 pollock.

Sch. Grace Darling, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Mystery, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 4000 pollock.

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Sch. Viking, 30,000 hake.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, 17,000 cod.
Sch. Mildred Robinson, 40,000 haddock, 23,000 cod.
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 17,000 cod.
Sch. Catherine G. Burke, 30,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 20,000 hake, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 18,000 cod.
Sch. Hope, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Harvester, 12,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Emerald, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Mattakesett, 40 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Nokomis, 1000 haddock, 500 hake, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Marion, 2 swordfish, 4000 pollock.
Haddock \$1.50 to \$1.75 per cwt., large cod \$3.25 to \$3.75, market cod \$1.20 to \$1.50, hake \$1 to \$2.50, pollock \$1.50, swordfish 14 1-2 and 15 cts. per lb.

Mackerel Notes.

The fare of sch. A. M. Nicholson sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

September 25.

PLAIN TALK.

Communication of Leading Citizen of Bay of Islands, N. F.

Cutting Off Americans Means Losing Best Herring Market.

The following communication appeared in last week's issue of the Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star:

Dear Sir:—In your editorial of today's Star, I notice some timely and valuable remarks regarding the herring fishery, and the consequent effects the action of the government, in its futile and foolish attempt to legislate the American herring fishermen out of the waters of Bay of Islands and the other places in Newfoundland close by, deliberately,—I say it advisedly, depriving the people of Bay of Islands, Bonne Bay and other places on the Treaty Coast, of procuring the means (which God has given them) for the support of their families.

The fishermen of this district and of St. Barbe as well, (and they are the best judges) are unanimous on this herring question, viz: that no better market can be obtained or now known to exist, than by selling their herring to the American purchasers, who are most liberal in their offers in buying herring.

The \$1.25 a barrel is only the standard; but how often does it happen where the American purchaser runs the price up in fair competition to \$3 and \$3.50 per barrel. Cut off the American purchasers if you will, but it is my opinion you never will (they are too wealthy) and you create a monopoly, and worse than all you lose the finest and best market for your herring fishery.

Place the control of the herring fishery in the hands of Nova Scotians and Canadians and you get your herring down to the standard \$1.25 per barrel, yes, and much below, why? Because you can find only a limited market in Canada, and a prohibitive duty would at once be imposed on Newfoundland herring entering the United States. The Bond government is trying with all its might to ruin these districts, and when Mr. Carty and Mr. Clapp put in an appearance in these districts again, the former will be carted out of the people of these districts.

This bait and herring question is certainly a fad originating in the fertile brain of Premier Bond, simply because he failed in his attempt to complete a fish treaty known as the Bond-Hay treaty. There is a deception on the part of the government on the question, and the people had better watch its action and govern themselves accordingly. The Americans have their treaty rights, and you cannot annul them; and they are not the people to give up valuable rights.

If the government wants to even up with the Americans, let them place an export duty on the herring, but to endeavor to try and prevent people who have rights is certainly creditable only to a man or a government that ought at once to be out of commission, who is neither fit or competent to rule over a peaceable and industrious people.

Yours truly,
R. H. WHITEWAY.

Birchy Cove, Sept. 5, '06.

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LOOKING AFTER FISHERMEN'S INTERESTS.

It is to be hoped that some plan may be devised by which the Ipswich Bay boat fishermen may be enabled to land their trips in this city without going around the Cape, in a reasonably convenient manner without too great additional expense. The Cut canal is closed and will remain so for some time, so there is no use in banking any hopes that this water way will be available for use until the contractors for the new bridge have progressed sufficiently far with the job to allow it. Mayor MacDonald is exerting his efforts in behalf of the fishermen, and suggests that a temporary landing might be arranged near the Cut bridge so that the fish could be landed from the boats and carted to their destination, which would probably be the shortest and easiest way than from any other point. His Honor has talked with a number of the fishermen on the subject, and they thought the idea practical. The mayor believes that the county should be willing to assist the fishermen, owing to the fact that the canal is closed, and should bear any reasonable expense to accommodate the fishermen. As a result he has written to County Commissioner Kimball, and the latter will come to this city tomorrow expressly for the purpose of conferring with the mayor on the question.

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CHASED BY A SHARK.

Thrilling Experience of Two of Sch. Hattie A. Heckman's Crew.

A Louisburg, C. B., despatch says that two of the crew of sch. Hattie A. Heckman of this port had quite a chase from a large grey shark while the vessel was fishing on the Flemish Cap. The men were returning from their trawls to the vessel when the monster made his appearance.

As these fish are often seen about the fishing grounds the men paid little attention to this one until they noticed he was following them rather closer than usual. When quite near the dory he made a sudden dash for it, but by a dexterous movement the men swung the boat in the opposite direction and thus escaped the onslaught.

They then pulled for all they were worth with the fish in pursuit. Again he came right at the boat, but another quick movement of the oars, put them out of his reach. The pursuit continued until the men got to their vessel, when when the big shark turned about in another direction and was seen no more.

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HIGH HANDED BUSINESS.

Papers of Sch. Arkona Taken at North Sydney, C. B.

Clash of Authority Between Collector and Preventive Official.

A despatch from North Sydney, C. B., yesterday states that sch. Arkona, Capt. Newman Wharton of this port, engaged in salt banking, with 80,000 pounds of salt cod and a large quantity of bait on board, put into that harbor on Sunday for ice. Capt. Wharton borrowed some from sch. Valkyrie to tide him over Sunday, but before doing so, Capt. Wharton notified Collector McPherson of what he was going to do and that official told him it was all right. Capt. Gordon, the preventive officer, however, seized the vessel's papers, claiming that Collector McPherson's act was illegal and sent them to Ottawa. It is not believed that the vessel will be held and that her papers would be returned yesterday.

The only news of the seizure of the Arkona's papers was learned here through the above despatch. The owners of the vessel, Cunningham & Thompson, have received no word from the captain, and believe that the papers have been returned, or they would have had some word from Capt. Wharton regarding the affair.

Vessel owners and captains acquainted with the situation are inclined to look upon Capt. Gordon's act as high handed, and say that they cannot see, where the Arkona had a license, how he could possibly seize or detain her or take her papers.

September 25.

Violation of Lobster Law.

John P. Hayes was arrested this forenoon by Inspectors Roberts and Bent for alleged violation of the lobster law. Hayes was immediately admitted to bail and his case will come up tomorrow morning.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon sold to the American Halibut Co. at 8 1-2 cents per pound for white and 6 1-2 cents for gray.

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Another Fine Salt Cod Fare.

Sch. Lottie Byrnes of Provincetown, engaged in dory handline fishing is at this port this morning with a fine fare, 250,000 pounds of cod. This is the third Provincetown dory handliner which has come here this season with a full fare.